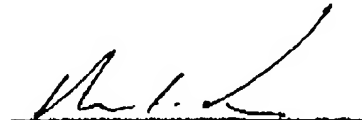


## REMARKS

Claims 7-10 and 17-118 were canceled by the Examiner's Amendment forwarded with the Notice of Allowability dated June 4, 2003. Applicants submit the Examiner's Amendment is improper, as claims 7-10, 17-33 and 114-115 depend on allowed claims. Applicants submit these previously withdrawn claims should be rejoined, as they depend on claims indicated as allowable by the examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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